

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 490**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hancock**

February 20, 2007

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An act to repeal and add Section 24908 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 490, as introduced, Hancock. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District: compensation of directors.

Existing law creates the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District to provide public transit services in portions of Alameda County and Contra Costa County. Existing law provides for the district to be governed by an elected board of directors, and authorizes the board to establish the compensation of directors at \$100 for each attendance at meetings of the board and for each day the director is engaged in authorized district business, not to exceed \$500 in any calendar month, plus necessary traveling and personal expenses incurred in the performance of district business authorized by the board.

This bill would repeal these provisions and instead provide that the board may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that each director shall be paid not more than \$1,000 per calendar month in lieu of per meeting compensation, subject to various deductions and adjustments for directors not attending all scheduled and noticed regular board or committee meetings, as specified. The bill would also provide for payment of necessary traveling and personal expenses incurred solely as a result of performance of duties by a director, in amounts as authorized by the board.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 24908 of the Public Utilities Code is  
2 repealed.

3 ~~24908. The board shall establish rules for its proceedings and~~  
4 ~~may provide by ordinance that each member shall receive for each~~  
5 ~~attendance at the meetings of the board, and for each day any~~  
6 ~~member is engaged in authorized district business other than~~  
7 ~~attendance at meetings of the board, the sum of one hundred dollars~~  
8 ~~(\$100), but not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) in any~~  
9 ~~calendar month, and shall be allowed the necessary traveling and~~  
10 ~~personal expenses incurred in the performance of his duties as~~  
11 ~~authorized by the board.~~

12 SEC. 2. Section 24908 is added to the Public Utilities Code,  
13 to read:

14 24908. (a) The board, may by ordinance or resolution, provide  
15 that each director shall be paid a sum that shall not exceed one  
16 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each calendar month that he or she  
17 serves as a director. The board may, by ordinance or resolution,  
18 provide for an adjustment to the monthly compensation based upon  
19 an appropriate inflationary indicator designated in the ordinance  
20 or resolution that is applicable to the region served by the district.  
21 The adjustment shall not become effective until the next regular  
22 election of the directors following the adoption of the ordinance  
23 or resolution.

24 (b) The ordinance or resolution to authorize a monthly stipend  
25 pursuant to subdivision (a), in lieu of per-meeting compensation,  
26 shall include a requirement that a director can receive a monthly  
27 stipend for a given month only if he or she attends all scheduled  
28 and noticed regular board meetings for that month. For those  
29 directors meeting this attendance requirement, the amount of one  
30 hundred dollars (\$100) shall be deducted from the stipend for  
31 failure to attend each meeting of a committee on which he or she  
32 serves that month. In any month that a director fails to meet these  
33 attendance requirements, that director may be compensated at the  
34 rate of one hundred dollars (\$100) per board or committee meeting  
35 attended, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for that month.

1 (c) For the purpose of this section, a director who misses a  
2 scheduled and noticed meeting of the board or committee while  
3 attending to official district business pursuant to authorization shall  
4 be deemed to have attended the meeting.

5 (d) The ordinance or resolution may provide for not more than  
6 two excused absences during a calendar year without disqualifying  
7 the director for a monthly stipend.

8 (e) In addition to the compensation otherwise provided in this  
9 section, each director may be allowed necessary traveling and  
10 personal expenses incurred solely as a result of the performance  
11 of his or her duties, in amounts as may be authorized by the board.

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